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melting the web-like hot melt adhesive by heat of the base member.--

--17. The method for manufacturing a formed lining for a vehicle as claimed in

claim 14, further comprising:

preparing the film-like hot melt adhesive with a film thickness in the range of 50 to 75
micrometers.--

REMARKS

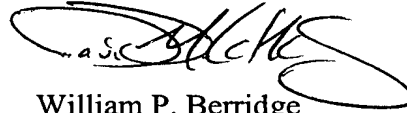
Claims 4-6 and 12-17 are pending herein. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 4 and 6 are amended to revise informalities. Claims 12-17 are added. Support for new claim 12 is found in the specification, for example, at page 5, lines 2-6, while support for new claim 13 is found, for example, at page 10, lines 4-6. Support for new claim 14 is found in the specification, for example, at page 4, lines 5-16. Support for new claim 15 is found in the specification, for example, at page 5, lines 2-6. Support for new claim 16 is found in the specification, for example, at page 7, lines 23-25, and support for new claim 17 is found, for example, at page 8, lines 8-10.

The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 4-6 and 12-17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

4. (Amended) A method for manufacturing a formed lining for a vehicle,
comprising ~~the steps of~~:

preparing a top cover member comprising a web-like hot melt adhesive previously
laminated on a back thereof, and a plate-like base member comprising a thermoplastic resin
and a film-like hot melt adhesive previously laminated on a front of the base member;

heating the base member;

setting the top cover member and the heated base member in a forming die;

melting the web-like hot melt adhesive of the top cover member by heat of the base
member; and

forming the top cover member and the base member at the same time that the top
cover member and the base member ~~being~~ are bonded.

6. (Amended) The method for manufacturing a formed lining for a vehicle as
claimed in claim 4, wherein the melting step is performed during the forming ~~step~~.

Claims 12-17 are added.